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Applicant: Hiroatsu ENDO Confirmation No. 8333

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD FOR DRIVE

APPARATUS OF HYBRID VEHICLE

Customer No.: 23838

RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 24, 2009 OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 24, 2009 in the aboveidentified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.